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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON JAPANESE AGRICULTURAL
EXCHANGE ORGANIZATION

AS POST MAY KNOW NATIONAL 4-H FOUNDATION CONDUCTS LARGE
SCALE TWO-WAY EXCHANGE PROGRAMS FOR FARM YOUTH IN
COOPERATION WITH TOKYO EDUCATIONAL CENTER CORPORATION
FOR LANGUAGE AND EDUCATION RESEARCH (TEC). MORE RECENTLY
A NEW ORGANIZATION AN OFFSHOOT OF TEC, KNOWN AS LABO
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE FOUNDATION HAS BEGUN TO ADMINISTER
PROGRAM IN JAPAN.

LABO SAID TO HAVE APPROVAL OF FONMIN, BUT IT HAS COME
TO ATTENTION OF 4-H FOUNDATION THAT LABO MAY BE UNRELIABLE
ORGANIZATION PARTICULARLY UNSUITABLE FOR PROGRAMMING
YOUNG AMERICANS VISITING JAPAN.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS NO INFORMATION ON LABO NOR SPECIFICS
ON ALLOCATIONS. MR. GRANT SHRUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF 4-H FOUNDATION, WILL VISIT JAPAN MID-JANUARY AND PLANS
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TO MEET LABO OFFICIALS- DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN

INFORMATION REGARDING TEC AND LABO BEFORE SHRUM'S
DEPARTURE. EMBASSY REPORTEDLY HAS FILE ON BOTH
ORGANIZATIONS.

3. NATIONAL 4-H FOUNDATION DIRECTOR HAS INFORMED
DEPARTMENT HE HAS WRITTEN EXCHANGES OFFICER ON THIS
MATTER. REPLY BY JANUARY 10 IF POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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